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WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The essence of a free life is being able to choose the style of living you prefer, free from exclusion and without the compulsion of conformity and law." Eleanor Holmes Norton

Free

WIP News Services

Over 300 people came out on a sunny Saturday afternoon for the 2nd Annual Olympia Pride March and Rally. The June 20 festivities capped off a weekend schedule of gay, lesbian, and bisexual community events.

The march and rally, sponsored by the Capitol City Pride Group, included participation from three Christian denominations, the Pacific Northwest Veteran's Association, Queer Nation - Seattle, Stonewall Youth, Washington Freedom Coalition, Olympia Aids Task Force, and Gay Men's Social Network, among others.

The marchers proclaimed the right of lesbians and gay men to live openly without harassment, discrimination, and violence. Area residents attending the "Lemonade Days" sidewalk sale in downtown Olympia clapped and cheered the marchers on.

The spirit of the day was captured by a quotation from San Francisco's openly gay elected supervisor Harvey Milk, who was murdered in 1978, "We must destroy the myths about homosexuals. Let us shatter the myths once and for all! Most importantly, every gay person must come out! As difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if, indeed, they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in.

"Then, once they realize we really are their children, and that we are everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed. And you will feel so much better."

Marching in support of civil rights for affectional/sexual minorities were openly gay Representative Cal Anderson of Seattle, Lacey Mayor Gene Liddell, Olympia Councilmember Holly Gadbaw, and legislative candidate Russ Cahill. Joining them at the rally were Representatives Karen Fraser and Jennifer Belcher, County Commissioner Linda Medcalf, legislative candidate Cathy Wole, and County Commissioner candidate Bill Daley.

The rally featured lesbian and gay speakers, music, poetry, and comments by the elected officials and candidates. A number of organizations had information tables at the rally, including the Mike Lowry for Governor campaign.

The week of June 14 to 20 was proclaimed Gay and Lesbian Pride Week by the Olympia City Council, and .June 20 was designated as Gay and Lesbian Pride Day in Washington state by Governor Booth Gardner and in Thurston County by the County Commission. In addition, a supportive statement by Congresswomen Jolene Unsoeld was read at the rally.

In Olympia

Pride And Strength

photo by Pat Tassoni

Marching through Olympia in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual civil rights.

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For Love and Justice

Walking Against Hate

Joli Sandoz

Chants of "For love ... and justice" alternating with "Yes ... we made it" led Portland's Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade June 20. For some 120 participants, the larger march made up the final leg of a two week, 150 mile walk from Eugene to Portland.

Portland's Lesbian Community Project sponsored For Love and Justice: A Walk Against Hate, according to Executive Director Donna Red Wing, as a response to the activities of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA). "Gay and lesbian people are at the forefront of many progressive movements," she said. "The OCA makes this the year we have to call in our chips."

The OCA, a state-wide ultra-conservative organization, orchestrated a campaign which put a new law on the books of Springfield, a small town near Eugene. The law, in effect since June 18, bans city government from "recognizing or promoting" homosexuality. The OCA is currently gathering signatures to put an initiative before Oregon voters in November which, if passed, would declare homosexuality "abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse" and forbid anti-discrimination regulations and laws based on sexual preference.

According to Jonathan Mozzochi and Scot Nakagawa of the Coalition

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"People who supported the walk connected with the courage it takes to be a despised group. I think we will continue to be surprised in the months to come by just how much influence this walk has had."

photo by BJW

Portland's Lesbian Community Center sponsored For Love and Justice: A Walk Against Hate, *a 150 mile march for civil rights.*

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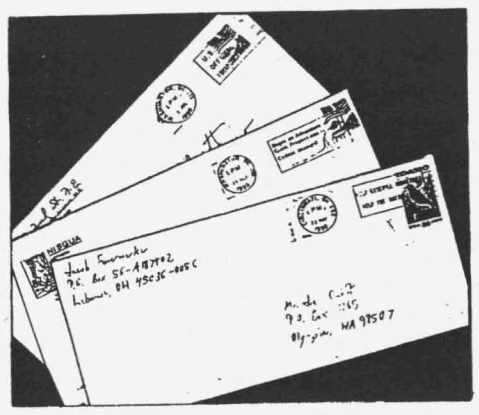

X-Rays Are Not Worth The Profit

Dear Sir;

Many scientists agree that x-rays are dangerous and should be used with caution as they kill cells that help cause cancer. My personal experience proves the fact even after 14 years cancer can develop after exposure.

Thanks to a couple of Canadian doctors who have said that women over 40 years of age should not have x-rays taken of the breast as it is not necessary and may cause breast cancer. (May 5, Olympian newspaper)

As usual in cases that effect profit the x-ray Co. and physicians want to "study" the findings of the Canadian doctors. Everything that effects profit is studied. The most highly cancerous substance in the world, plutonium, was released in the atmosphere at a nuclear power plant. One millionth of a gram of plutonium will give cancer. Yet the government wanted to "study" it. In a system of government and industry where millions of people are subject to cancerous substances and radiation and nothing is done to bring the criminals to justice, it is time to change that system of profit and take science by the hand and go wherever she leads.

Yours truly,
Milton Poulos

WIP Article Submissions

Deadline for the August issue is July 21. Also on that day, there will be a WIP meeting at SPEECH at 7 pm. All are encouraged to attend and get involved. Call 956-9123 for info.

WORKERS IN PROGRESS

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Works In Progress is a community newspaper sponsored by the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Rainbow Coalition or the WIP Editorial Board and are solely those of the authors.

Keep those letters and cards coming. Correspondence and articles are always welcome. If possible submit articles on disk (WordPerfect). WIP reserves the right to publish in whole or part all submissions; so for editing purposes please enclose your phone number. Send submissions to Works in Progress, PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507.

EarthSave

Earthsave Potluck

July 27 7pm at Burfoot Park

Discover the link between how your food choices affect not only your health but the health of planet Earth!

List ingredients/bring utensils

Please call 357-8779 for more information.

Friday Noon Concerts (Capital Theater/Rainstage)
- July 17 Caribbean Superstars Steel Drums
- July 24 Gretta Matassa - Jazz
- July 31 Ranch Romance RockaBilly/Country Swing
- August 7 Back Porch Blues Blues
- August 14 The Laura Love Band World Beat
- August 21 Caravan -- Bluegrass
- August 28 Dennis Hastings Jazz Rollercoaster - Jazz

Wednesday Evenings 7pm (WA Center/Rainstage)
- July 29 Olympia Symphony Orchestra - Classical
- August 12 Sid Potter's Swing Society - Jazz/Swing
- August 26 Citizen's Band & The Righteous Mothers - Folk

MUSIC in the PARK

All concerts in Sylvester Park in the heart of downtown Olympia

Caribbean Superstars Steel Drum Band

When the Superstars play, everybody's got rhythm. This five-man group from the Virgin Islands, by way of Tacoma, plays everything from samba to rock to the traditional calypso and reggae. This much-recorded group was placed at the top of the series to guarantee Music In The Park would come out swinging. It's happy music at its ultimate best.

Need more info? Want to help? Contact: Chris Carson at 943-2375

July Is A Good Month For Revolution

by Red Diamond

In South America the winter comes in summer.
The mountains arch high like a lovers spine
keeping the ocean off the continent
where some say it belongs.
In Santiago the Revolution lives
in silent knowing glances exchanged on the streets
between toothless old men and their gentle sons
and in secret meetings in church basements
and sympathetic warehouses.
Beneath the rubble of La Moneda
the bones of Allende turn ever slowly to dust
while outside in the broken streets
the screams of carefree children sail the prison walls
and mingle with the wails of the not-quite disappeared.
And the snowfall drowns silently in the sea.
July is a good month for revolution.

In Managua, pigeons roost in the rafters
of the national cathedral
awaiting the next earthquake or mortar fire.
Across the plaza an eternal flame dances in the sun
where the monument to Fonseca sits
looking so very much like the one built for Kennedy
thousands of miles away in Arlington, Virginia.
The vendors nearby gossip
of the latest attack from La Guardia.
"They hit the power plant last night," says one.
"Two were killed."
"Drink your milk," says another to her child.
"It will go bad without refrigeration."
And above the lake the pelicans circle like angels
waiting for the rains to come.
July is a good month for revolution.

There are 18 million souls in Mexico City, maybe twenty by now.
They call it El Monstro.
When the Spanish arrived there was a lake in the valley
but it was filled in centuries ago.
Now subways run where pyramids once stood.
There are factories scattered haphazardly
throughout residential neighborhoods.
The factories have very short smokestacks.
It is cheaper to build them that way.
There are no building codes in El Monstro
and there is no sanitation
and the air is brown
and the water will kill you.
18 million souls, maybe twenty by now
and children fight with vultures over food scraps in the dumps.
July is a good month for revolution.

On the island of Manhattan
the chamber of commerce and a few secular guests
have put up $250,000 to line 5th Avenue
with 10,000 flags and patriotic banners.
The parade will begin at Central Park South
outside the Plaza Hotel.
There will be dignitaries and Donald Trump
and Olivia Newton-John as the honorary queen
will sing "We Are The World"
no less than five times in its entirety
before the parade concludes at Battery Park.
From the upper stories of the great skyscrapers
the people all look like ants.
But inflatable Bullwinkle and Bart Simpson
look like gods six stories tall.
As the crowd swarms past Wall Street
the queen calls out to them for the umpteenth time
"We are the children."
Later that night, fireworks will burst over the harbor
and the Statue of Liberty will watch on in silence.
July is a good month for revolution.

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The Boycott of American Express

Saving The Grizzly

Zachary D. Lyons

"The Chief of the U.S. Forest Service has given final approval to a huge ski development in the San Juan Mountains that will severely impact what little remains of grizzly bear habitat in Colorado," writes Tony Povilitis, Senior Scientist with the Humane Society of the United States. "The four season resort is expected to destroy chances for restoring the Great Bear to the State."

A boycott against American Express (AMEX) called by the Grizzly Bear Task Force and Colorado Earth First! is currently under way to pressure The Balcor Company into withdrawing from the ski resort project. The Balcor Company is a subsidiary of AMEX and a partner in the East Fork Joint Venture project with a Chicago developer.

"Our demands are that AMEX pull out of the East Fork Joint Venture and put the money they would have invested in development into protection of the East Fork area and purchase of private inholdings which would then be turned over to public ownership," states the Task Force's Phil Knight. "We hope that AMEX's withdrawal from the project will make it financially impossible to develop the area."

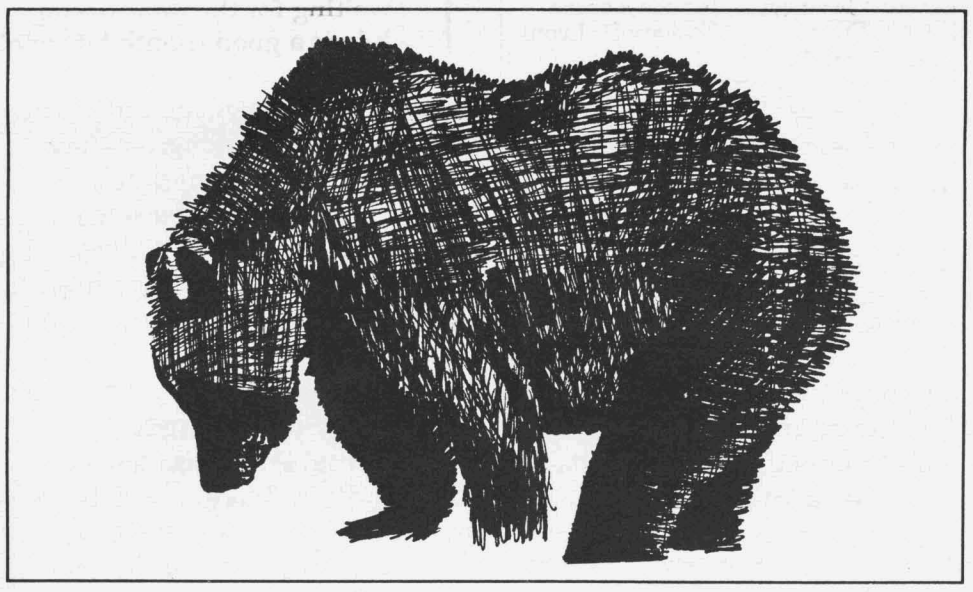
The proposed East Fork Ski Resort would develop 2,780 acres of completely undeveloped private land in the East Fork valley [of Colorado], and about 4,660 acres of adjacent National Forest land into a four season destination resort and ski area, according to Task Force materials. The resort would have more than 2,700 housing units to accommodate 16,700 residents at full buildout. The ski area portion of the resort is currently designed for 13,500 skiers at one time, including at least 8 lifts and one gondola.

"The Forest Service [has] issued a permit for the resort," the Task Force materials continue, "even though the resort would: destroy nearly 70 acres of wetlands; destroy 95% of the elk calving grounds in the valley...; disrupt spring and fall migration patterns for nearly 300 head of elk; reduce hunting habitat for a nesting pair of peregrine falcons, a federally endangered species; destroy prime grizzly bear habitat within the historic range of the last grizzly bear killed in Colorado in 1979; and displace any wolverine, a state endangered species, that remain in the valley. In addition, the resort would build ski lifts right to the very boundary of the South San Juan wilderness area and would dump more than one million gallons of sewage per day into the East Fork of the San Juan River.

"The resort would bring nearly 10,000 people into the East Fork Valley and, during the winter, about 5000 cars per day. The resort would add an additional 12,000 people to Archuleta County. As a consequence, East Fork will 'significantly effect ... the local government's ability to adequately deal with the impacts [of the resort].... Housing costs will-rise, while most service oriented jobs will be on the lower end of the pay scale. [The] transient population will increase and employment will be more seasonal. Off-site community services (such as educational facilities, roads, sewer and water systems and other utilities) will have to be increased. This will result in more complicated and expensive local government,' according to San Juan Forest Supervisor Kirkpatrick."

For some, like residents of the At Last Ranch, an entire rural way of life is being jeopardized along [with] the natural values of the ecosystem."

"A recent analysis of the South San Juan ecosystem indicates that the 3,000 square mile area from the upper Rio Grande to the New Mexico highlands could support a population of 50-100 grizzly bears...," reports the Humane Society's Tony Povilitis. "Ample remote terrain, relatively low levels of human activity, lush vegetation, and favorable lower elevation habitats (which provide an abundance of berries, acorns, pinyon nuts, ungulate carrion, ants, and other bear foods) all contribute to a high quality ecosystem for grizzly bears. Measures that would be needed to restore the grizzly through reintroduction or natural population growth from any surviving bears include removal of livestock and roads from key habitat areas, and, most importantly, preservation of remaining bottomland habitat, where bear-human conflicts are most likely to occur.



"Tragically, the approved ski development will literally fill one of the least disturbed bottomland areas in the ecosystem --the East Fork of the San Juan River-- with ski lifts, restaurants, lodging, parking lots, golf courses, tennis courts, equestrian facilities, etc., in order to accommodate up to 13,500 visitors per day. The ski runs would rip through mature Douglas fir, aspen, and spruce forests, continuing right up to the official South San Juan Wilderness boundary! In response to the ski resort, Vail-Eagle Valley type development is expected to spread throughout the San Juan River drainage, south to Pagosa Springs and beyond (over the past few years, there has been a surge of land speculation along the San Juan River corridor, just in anticipation of ski development).

"It's been over forty years since renowned biologist Aldo Leopold criticized the Forest Service for promoting the livestock industry in the grizzly's last range in Utah," continues Povilitis. "Now, it's the ski industry that is being promoted in Colorado's last grizzly habitat. The Forest Service has a very capable developer in the Illinois based East Fork Ventures, backed with American Express megabucks. And it finds a local community divided on the issue, which has been framed by business interests in simplistic 'jobs vs. environment' terms. For some, like residents of the At Last Ranch, whose land would be partially condemned to make way for a highway, an entire rural way of life is being jeopardized along [with] the natural values of the ecosystem."

Three attempts, including one by registered mail for which *The Boycott Monthly* has a signed receipt, to solicit a response from American Express to these demands and allegations proved fruitless. Perhaps we will hear from AMEX **after** we publish this story, as was the experience of Co-op America's *Boycott Action News*.

"Soon, chain saws and earth moving machines will begin dismantling nature in the East Fork Valley, unless pending court actions are successful, or something unforeseen happens," says Povilitis. "It is saddening that few people even know of the great opportunity for Colorado that is now slipping away--in Leopold's words, 'its outstanding achievement,' the grizzly."

Earth First! and the Grizzly Bear Task Force are calling for an international boycott of American Express due to their involvement in the destruction of the South San Juan. They are encouraging individuals to cut their American Express cards and mail them back, demanding that AMEX pull out of the deal. They are also asking individuals to call AMEX and tell them how they feel about the destruction of Colorado's remaining wild lands. Colorado Earth First! has supplied the following numbers to reach AMEX:

1-800-554-AMEX (global assist hotline)
1-800-942-AMEX (student application hotline)
1-800-528-4800 (24-hour service center for personal cards)
1-800-327-2177 (24-hour service center for gold cards)
1-800-525-3355 (24-hour service center for platinum cards)
1-800-528-2122 (24-hour service center for corporate cards)
1-800-445-7374 (24-hour service center for optima cards)

"**Colorado does not need another ski resort,**" states Earth First! "Stop American Express and save the East Fork Valley."

For more information, or to express your concerns, you may contact the Grizzly Bear Task Force, Colorado Earth First! or American Express as follows:

Grizzly Bear Task Force
Post Office Box 6151
Bozeman, Mt 59715

Earth First!
Post Office Box 1166
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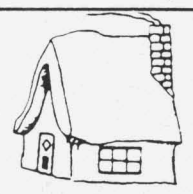

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Pressure Escalating on General Electric

Hard Hitting Environmental Film Wins Academy Award

Ginger Lawlor

General Electric's highly cultivated "We Bring Good Things to Life" slogan sounds sour to millions more people now since *Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons, and Our Environment* won the Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject in March. This hard hitting film exposes the terrifying environmental record of G.E., one of the leading nuclear weapons contractors and environmental polluters in the United States.

INFACT, the international corporate accountability group that led the first successful boycott of the Nestle Corporation, produced *Deadly Deception* as part of its current campaign to remove G.E. as a driving force behind the production and promotion of nuclear weapons. G.E. has been a leader in the nuclear weapons industry for five decades, and INFACT has targeted G.E. as part of a campaign to make it undesirable for companies to participate in the nuclear weapons business.

INFACT's executive director, Elaine Lamy, was in Los Angeles for the ceremony and explained the significance of the Oscar award. "This is a major victory for our campaign and for all the people working to stop nuclear weapons. It's a powerful acknowledgment that radiation poisoning from nuclear weapons has to stop and that major nuclear weapons contractors like General Electric must be held accountable for their outrageous abuses."

Filmmaker Debra Chasnoff accepted the award, saying, "I want to share this wonderful honor with INFACT, the national organization campaigning to get G.E. and all other companies out of the deadly nuclear weapons industry. INFACT supporters all over the world helped us tell the real story about the company that falsely claims it "brings good things to life.'" Then Ms. Chasnoff raised her trophy high and urged the millions of viewers worldwide to "Boycott G.E.!"

"An Academy Award for* Deadly Deception *can only help to fuel the work that millions of people around the world are doing to stop nuclear weapons production."

"This campaign has cost G.E. hundreds of millions of dollars in lost sales and increased costs of image control," explained Ms. Lamy. "An Academy Award for *Deadly Deception* can only help to because it focuses on the Hanford nuclear power plant in eastern Washington, which G.E. ran from 1946 to 1964. During G.E.'s tenure at Hanford, hundreds of thousands of curies of radioactivity were released into the air, ground and water, i.e. the "Green Run," of December 1949 - a secret, planned, experimental release of 5,039 curies of iodine-131. Records were quietly de-classified 20 years later; no press reports appeared until 1985. Trusting residents in a wide area around Hanford were exposed to twice the amount of radiation released at Chernobyl - without warning, evacuation or treatment - and have quietly suffered with unusually high incidences of cancer, leukemia and thyroid diseases. "Downwinders" now hail the video as one of their greatest allies in getting their word out.

¡DON'T BUY!
» GE & Action Light Bulb & Lighting Accessories
» GE Medical Systems Equipment
» GE & RCA Consumer Electronics
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» GE Construction Materials
» GE Capital
» Kidder, Peabody
» GEnie Online Computer Service
» All GE/RCA/Hotpoint products

Deadly Deception is available at Video One (on 4th Avenue across from Ralph's Thriftway) and at Rainy Day Records and Tapes in the Westside Shopping Center.

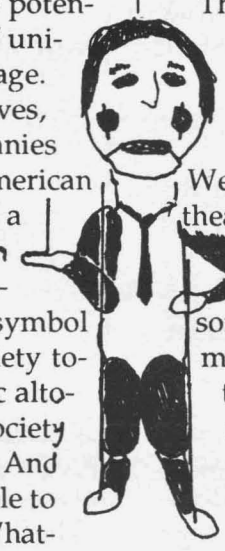
Ginger Lawlor is an activist with INFACT/G.E. Boycott.

TCRC Creates Puppet Theatre Company And They Want You!

Pat Holm

At the last Thurston County Rainbow meeting we accepted a proposal to support the creaion ofe a puppet theatr company. It was also decided to set the first 'happening' with puppets for the coming Labor Day Celebration, September 7, at Sylvester Park. We might use large 12 foot puppets, medium sized puppets, hand puppets, masks or whatever else our collective, anarchist, creative minds and hands can manage.

And we need you . . . writers, artists, muscians, anyone with a dramatic, comedic or somewhere in-between flare! We were thinking the potential of bringing the issues of universal health care to center stage. Instead of Dancing With Wolves, maybe the insurance companies dancing with the AMA (American Medical Association). Or a Punch and Judy show with Punch being the CEO of a National Medical Enterprise, a symbol of evil and greed in our society today. Or maybe another topic altogether, who knows! (In our society the possibilities are endless.) And some might say it's impossible to touch upon only one issue. Whatever the topic(s), in our show the people will win through unity, organization, common sense and, of course, wild, hilarous humor.



I have some equipment, experience and basic knowledge of puppetry. How about sharing your ideas to craft this piece of theater. Peter Schuman, who founded the Bread and Puppet Theater, said:

"We sometimes give you a piece of bread along with the puppet show because our bread and theater belong together. For a long time the Theater Arts have been separated from the stomach, theater was entertainment. Entertainment was meant for the skin. Bread was meant for the stomach. We want you to understand that theater is..not the place of commerce you think it is, where you pay to get something. It is more like bread, more like necessity. Puppet theatrer is the theater of all means. Puppets and masks should be played in the street. They are louder than the traffic. They don't teach problems, but they scream and dance and hit each other on the head and display life in its clearest terms.

My phone number is 357-4151, if I'm not there, leave a message. Let's do get together sometime after the 4th of July.

Pat Holm is a member of the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition and a Wipster , too.

I Agree With The Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

An organization that works for the people the two political parties frequently ignores: peace activists, people of color, the differently-abled, union members, women, environmentalists, gays and lesbians, the homeless, the working poor, and other community people.

Join the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition and get involved.

Yes, I'm interested in joining the T.C.R.C.

❑ Enclosed is: $25; $10 low-income.

❑ Yes, I want to be involved in Rainbow activities. Give me a call.

(name) _____

(address) _____

(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip)_____

(home phone) _____

Send to: Thurston County Rainbow Coalition, P.O. Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507. For information call 456-4773 or 459-3625.

Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

General Membership

(the folks who bring you Works In Progress)

Meeting

July 11th, 12:30 pm

First Christian Church, Seventh & Franklin, Olympia

The City Council's Jack Is Still Boxed Up!

Dan Leahy

"DISMISSED"

Everyone at the hearing heard it. TCTV viewers saw it. Friends of the Westside couldn't believe it.

City Council members whined about it. Mary Lux cried about it. Mark Foutch tried to justify it. Bellevue architects grinned about it. The *Olympian* reported it. Alan Brisley wrote the truth about it.

Six for dismissal, one against. Six for Jack in the Box at Harrison and Division; one for the Friends of the Westside and the 1,000 citizens who said NO JACK.

On May 19, 1992, Rex Derr, Mark Foutch, Holly Gadbaw, Mary Lux, Sandra Romero and Dave Skramstad voted to dismiss the Friends of the Westside Center appeal of the Jack in the Box parking plan. Only Nina Carter said no.

Disappointed, The Friends of the Westside Center waited to get the official order from the City. They waited and called. Weeks passed. Called some more. Grew suspicious. Called some more. On the WIP deadline, June 22nd, they got it.

WHAT? NO DISMISSAL!

What the City Council did in public at the May 19th hearing, they reversed in private.

The City Council's order, dated June 2nd, does not mention the word dismiss nor does it record the six to one vote.

In fact, their order upholds the Friends appeal! It agrees the Hearing Examiner erred and sends Jack's parking plan back to the planning department just as the Friends asked in their appeal.

No building permit has been ordered. There is no approved parking plan for Jack in the Box. Whatever the Planning Department comes up with for a plan, the Friends will exercise their full review and appeal rights.

Jack is still in the Box. The Westside still has time to mobilize its people, consecrate the land and save it from 650 vehicles per day that the Jack wants to drive through that corner.

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What explains the City Council's actions? Dismissed one week. Not dismissed the nexted.

The Friends of the Westside, represented by Clark Gilman, appealed a parking plan, not Jack in the Box. They tore this plan apart; showed it wouldn't work. Asked the Council to send it back to the Planning Department.

The City Council, refusing to see what was before them, did what they are conditioned to do by their city attorney. They voted for the corporation, Jack in the Box, and covered their politics with "The Law."

Council member Mark Foutch, in last month's WIP, wrote an apologia for "The Law" that raised political cowardice to high camp.

Instead of saying he voted for the Corporation, so what? (like a Rex Derr would do) Mark said he was frustrated by lack of authority, the law, the Constitution and the process. It was the classic attempt to escape responsibility, blame government, and make us feel sorry for him and the other City council members. We're victims of the system too, pleads Mark. Sorry, Mark you are not a victim. You, Romero and the others are the system and you represent Jack in the Box, not us.

In the light of day, when the city attorney had to write something down based on the record in front of him, he had to cross out "dismissed" and send the parking plan back to the planning department with the full consent of the City Council. Just what the Friends asked them to do.

The vote wasn't about Jack in the Box or a test of the Council's authority, it was just about a parking plan that won't work.

Does this all mean that a Jack in the Box won't be built at Harrison and Division? Maybe and maybe not.

What it does mean is this. The Friends of the Westside are unmasking the politics behind "the law." A Jack in the Box is not inevitable, like the City Council wants us to believe. And, the westside neighborhood can still save itself from a paved traffic jam called "Jack in the Box."

Dan Lives on the Westside of Olympia.

Stone Container Corporation Boycott Averted!

Zachary D. Lyons

On February 27, Honduran President Rafael Leonardo Callejas called off a proposed 40-year logging contract with Stone Container Corporation, reports the Task Force on Multinational Resource Corporations (TFMRC). If the deal had been approved, most of the remaining forests of Honduras would have been pulped for production of paper bags and cardboard boxes.

"The rapid response by human rights activists, environmentalists, and the Honduran public shows the growing awareness of the connections between social, economic and environmental issues," writes TFMRC. "Information, publicity, political pressure and direct action were all necessary and were complementary efforts in defeating the contract."

But TFMRC warns that "the rejection of the Stone Container contract ... should not be considered permanent. Another attempt to cut a deal may surface when attention has subsided.... A draft agreement had been reached in September of 1991, and it was only because of the rapid grassroots action of many groups that the final contract was not signed."

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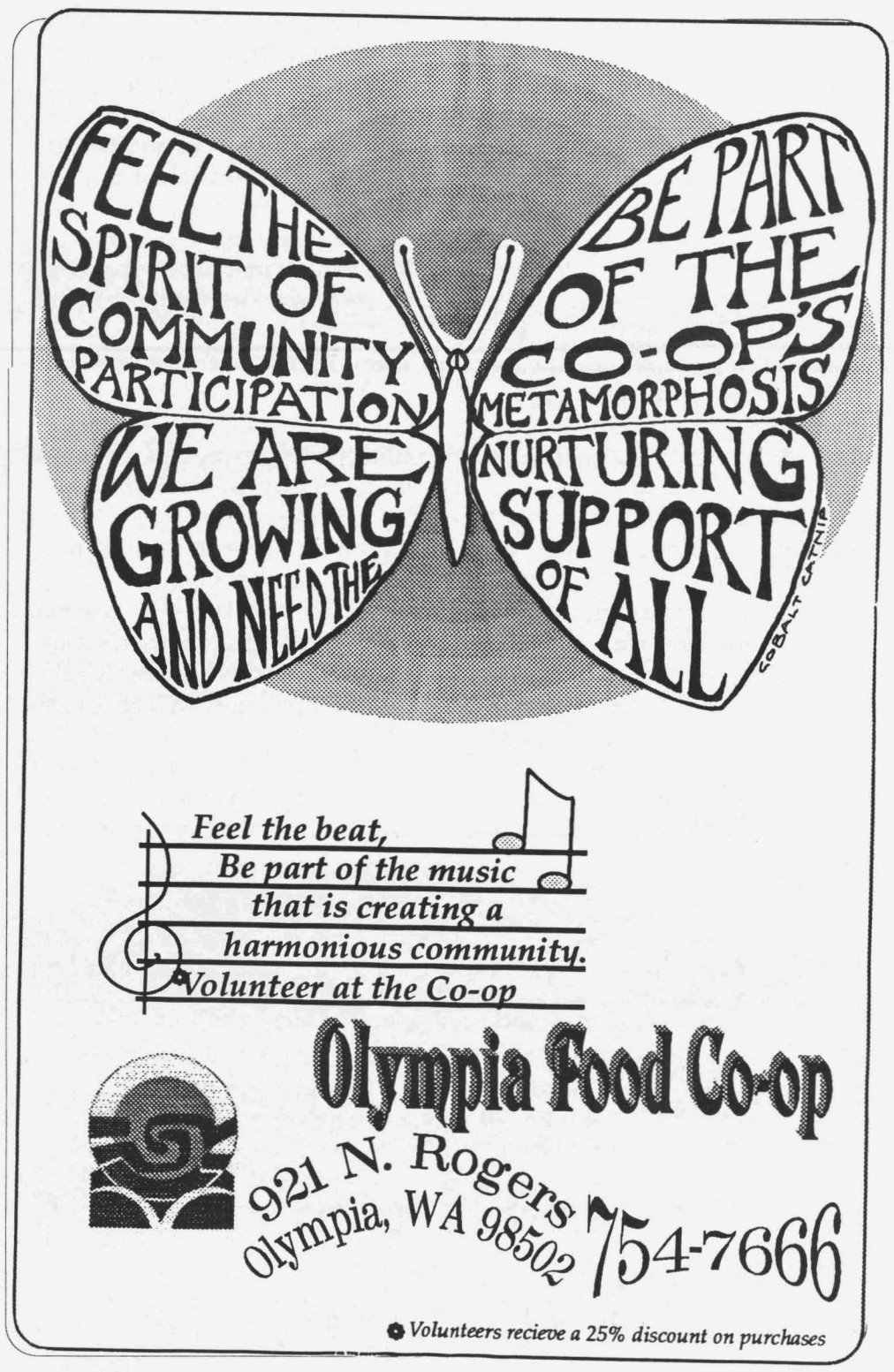

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The Farm Worker's Struggle in Washington State

Paul Ortiz

A few days ago, a friend of mine from the United Farm Workers of Washington State (UFWWS), visited with me. We spoke about the pleas for help he hears from Mexican-American people in the Yakima Valley who call daily to the UFWWS office in Granger, Washington.

Roberto said a woman called last week and frantically explained to him in spanish that a white police officer had stormed into her apartment and was rifling through her family's belongings. "Does he have a search warrant?", Roberto relied. "No," said the woman. "Then he has no right to be in your house. Tell him I want to talk to him." But the "law enforcement" officer refused to come to the phone when he found out a UFWWS worker wanted to speak with him. By the time that a UFWWS member from Granger took to the road to confront the cop, he had retreated back to the streets where he belonged.

It seems that the woman's son had been fighting at school with a white kid. The school administration told the police that her son carried a knife and thus, the illegal search. When queried by the farm worker's union whether the other child's family was also treated in this manner, the school officials replied in the negative.

So justice "Yakima Valley style" is similar to justice "Simi Valley style." Another UFWWS member told me during the May 3rd farm worker march in Burlington, that the Hispanic community in the Yakima Valley just discovered that many Yakima Valley police receive training from the L.A.P.D. This news has sent waves of fear throughout the Yakima Valley Hispanic community. When Hispanic people witnessed the videotaped beating of Rodney King, they saw the type of contempt typical in police forces towards poor, "minority" or "immigrant" communities across the U.S.

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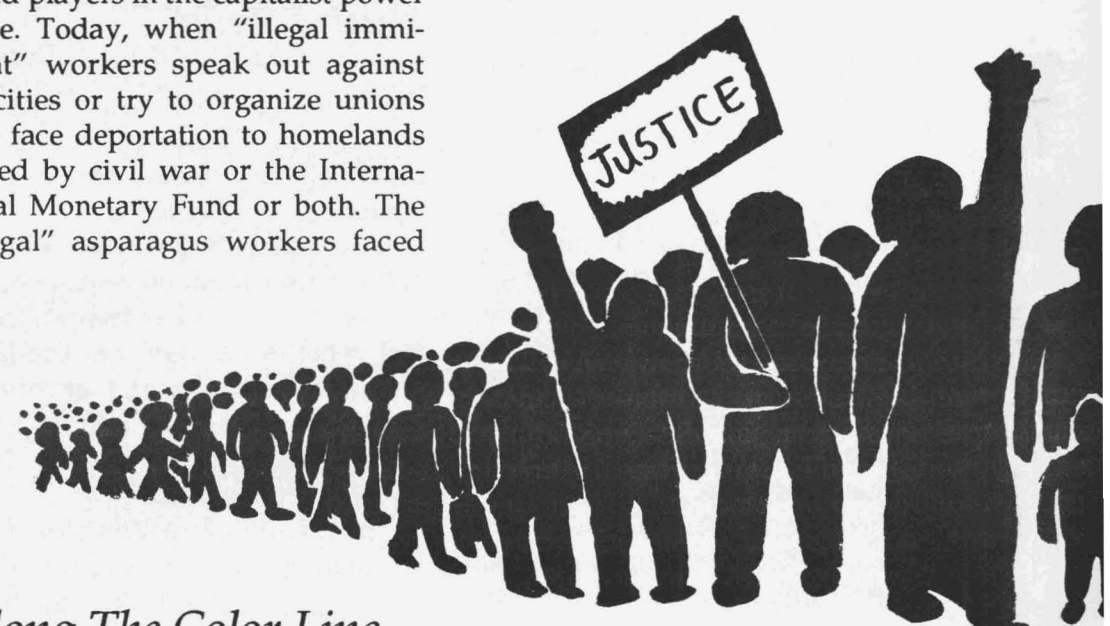
Roberto told me about the farm worker calling on behalf of about 100 other farm workers who told the UFWWS last week that the field where they worked had no toilets or washing facilities. So the pesticides clung to their bodies for many hours. The laws that supposedly guarantee farm worker's "rights' on things like washing facilities often break down because of the lack of enforcement.

Injustices in the fields of Washington of course are nothing new, but that renders them no less barbaric. Tomas Villanueva, president of the UFWWS, came to this country three decades ago from Mexico to pick asparagus. (Which is what he might be doing as you read this article.) Just two weeks ago, Tomas went to the Yakima Valley press with a tragic story: immigrant Mexican workers in an asparagus field in Eastern Washington are being physically beaten by foremen for not meeting production standards.

These atrocities are usually invisible for the same reason the terrifying resurgence of sweatshops in the U.S. remains a guarded, filthy secret. Immigrant, "minority" workers, who have literally built "America" over and over again, from African-American slaves to Chinese garment workers in Los Angeles, are the least protected players in the capitalist power game. Today, when "illegal immigrant" workers speak out against atrocities or try to organize unions they face deportation to homelands ruined by civil war or the International Monetary Fund or both. The "illegal" asparagus workers faced their predicament by running away. Will other workers inherit their agony?

Worker self-organization is the best alternative for the fink of brutality that exists in U.S. fields and sweatshops. The UFWWS isn't perfect--no organization is. But the UFWWS is a valuable resource in the Yakima Valley because it is a community/labor union of current and former farm workers who understand the types of daily racism farm workers and Hispanic people deal with. UFWWS, working tirelessly with the Washington State legislature, has also been able to win access to unemployment compensation, workman's compensation, and some child labor legislation for farm workers and their families.



Along The Color Line

"WANTED: A NewBlack

Dr. Manning Marable

Although the fires of Los Angeles have temporarily died down, the recent racial insurrection in the streets highlights a fundamental problem now squarely confronting black politics. Increasingly, there is a growing gap between many African-American politicians and civil rights leaders and militant mood of millions of young inner-city and working class blacks, who are fed up with the system.

The Rodney King case, as well as the national controversy surrounding the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas debate last year, indicates a breakdown of political consensus among black America's political elite. Most African-American leaders still believe in the old political strategy of unquestioned loyalty toward the Democratic Party, and what can be called the tactics of "symbolic representation."

Blacks have been told for generations that if another African-American from the upper middle class is appointed to a high position in the legal system, elected governor or to Congress, that the entire race is empowered. "Symbolic representation" means that because a Clarence Thomas is black, he shares our common history of racial oppression, and therefore he'll look out for our interests once he's safely in office. The problem with these assumptions is that they ignore that class identity and ideological commitments frequently outweigh racial membership in a politician's behavior. Thomas may be "racially black", but politically and ideologically he's hostile to African-American interests. Therefore, he should have been vigorously rejected and opposed. Why some leaders couldn't comprehend this speaks to their basic confusion about the new political approach we need now.

The same problem exists with blacks' relations with the Democratic Party. The majority of African-American people agree that our political process stinks, and that the system rarely yields real choices for us. Black voter turnout slipped down to 44 percent in the 1988 presidential contest largely due to widespread alienation. Yet the truth is that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans, by themselves, will ever initiate a progressive agenda for domestic reconstruction, rebuilding the cities, establishing universal, public health care, and attacking discrimination. We must explore new avenues to pressure the Democrats from outside the party's ranks. Conversely, black conservatives' arguments advocating that blacks fall loyally behind Bush, Buchanan and Quayle, are of course advising us to leap from the political frying pan into the fire.

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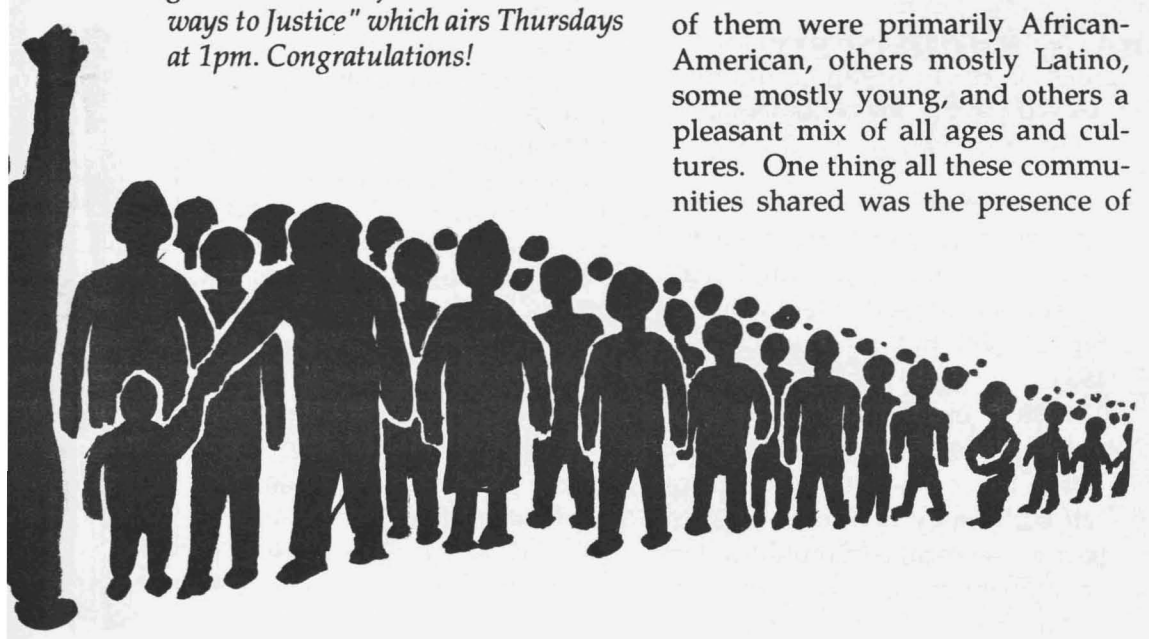
The address of the UFWWS is PO Box 899, Granger, WA 98932. (509) 854-2161. Locally, community, union, and church activists have formed an Olympia committee to sponsor solidarity actions with the UFWWS. Our numbers are 352-2153 or 754-4733. We need help! We conduct informational pickets for the Chateau Ste Michelle boycott, participate in farm worker marches, and are planning exciting summer activities to help keep the dream of justice in Washington's fields alive.

Paul Ortiz is a member of the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace. Paul, also a programmer at KAOS, recently won the Outstanding Programmer Award for his show, "Pathways to Justice" which airs Thursdays at 1pm. Congratulations!



ıck Protest Movement"

The Los Angeles uprising illustrated that most middle class black leaders are totally out of touch with the hip-hop, rap generation. Today's black youths are so alienated that they have been forced to resuscitate a black leader who died a quarter century ago--Malcolm X--because he symbolizes their current militancy and rage far better than Jesse Jackson or anyone else alive and on the political scene today.

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We must revive the tradition of black protest in America, if we are to have any hope to influence public policies and to empower the black community. This will require new strategies, new organizations and a new philosophy of political power.

First, we need a "new SNCC"--the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. At the high point of the southern desegregation movement thirty years ago, young people in SNCC led hundreds of sit-in demonstrations and registered thousands to vote for the first time. We need to construct a new African-American youth protest movement, tapping the energy from our communities and directing it toward constructive purposes. Our new youth movement could attack black-on-black violence, drugs, and social problems like poverty, unemployment, and the abuse of blacks within the criminal justice system.

Second, we need a new black political "think tank", a center for political strategy which is directly connected with the ongoing debates and struggles in our streets. In the early 1970s, the Institute of the black World, based in Atlanta, brought together progressive black scholars who challenged the system. We need to reconstruct our own center for black political analysis, oriented towards activism.

Third, we need to devise an electoral strategy which is both inside and outside of the established two party system. By supporting all independent and third party challenges, and by permitting "cross-endorsements" in which progressives could run simultaneously on progressive party slates as well as for the Democratic ticket, we can maximize our political options.

We can revive the freedom struggle of African-American people, but only if we are willing to break with the failed policies and outlook of the past.

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Situation Has Returned To Normal...

Ron Jacobs

From the mid '70s through the mid '80s, I lived in various urban communities on the east coast and in California, all of them poor. Some of them were primarily African-American, others mostly Latino, some mostly young, and others a pleasant mix of all ages and cultures. One thing all these communities shared was the presence of large numbers of well-armed police, who were mostly white, male, and suburban. Their alien presence and strongarm tactics were feared and detested by most everyone, and any opportunity to thwart their designs was jumped on.

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In the eyes of many residents of U.S. inner cities, police are an occupation army imposing the laws of the wealthy and protecting the property of the absentee landlords. Their pronounced role in the wake of this spring's uprisings following the verdict in the trial of the four LA police will be to continue to maintain law and order and, additionally, make the cities safe for the "Enterprise Zones" the government is currently trumpeting. These zones, like most other programs the government proposes, are not to the people's benefit. With reductions in assistance programs also proposed (removal of General Assistance programs, for one), the legalization of sub-minimum wages in such zones will create larger numbers of working poor and further increase this country's disparity of income.

As mentioned before, the system's response to the insurrection of April 29 - May 4 has been primarily military. Police are revamping their methods regarding civil disturbances and tightening their noose around potential "troublemakers". In the predominantly Latin American Pico Union district of LA, daily roundups and deportations of undocumented workers continue at an increased pace. In other areas of LA, and in other cities throughout the country, police have attacked gatherings of youth and made mass arrests. For example, in a working class area of Chicago, a twelve year old white youth playing basketball was killed for no apparent reason by police. In LA, attempts by Bloods and Crips to gather in peace are consistently disrupted by the men in blue.

The illustrious men running for president call the loudest for the rounding up of "undesirables" and placing them in boot camps, followed by more police forces, and another investigation by a justice system already proven to be unjust added almost as an afterthought. Bush's solution is called "weed and seed", Bill Clinton hasn't given his a catchy title yet, and Ross Perot suggests the suspension of the Bill of Rights in police designated areas and wholesale house-to-house searches would be a good beginning. All of these programs sound suspiciously like the occupation policy of the Israeli government in the Occupied Territories or the Phoenix style "resettlement" programs the United States is so fond of using against the peoples of other lands, most notably Vietnam and El Salvador.

Adding insult to injury, the Bush regime blamed the programs of the Great Society for the anger unleashed across the country after April 29th. Although these programs had many faults, it was the removal of funding from these programs which caused them to fail, not the programs themselves. Quayle, doing his Spiro Agnew imitation, blamed the uprisings on poor people's lack of values. Besides the obvious contradiction of a man who has never had to work a day in his life (yet spends 27,000 dollars of the taxpayer's money to go on a golf trip) talking about values, the refusal of the Feds to fund schools and infant care while they spend billions to kill tens of thousands of Iraqis says everything about the values of the powers that be. All too tragically, it seems the only value that is constant in America is that which can be measured in dollars. Dollars of which too few have too many while the rest of us scramble to maintain our families and ourselves, be it in the workplace or the streets.

The solution needs to come from the people affected and their allies, not the system desiring to keep them down.

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Consumers, Support Community Farms

Pat Moore

I was speaking with a friend the other day and we were lamenting the current state in which farmers must do business these days. Unlike most business people, farmers aren't able to compute their costs of production and come up with a price that assures a profit to the farmer. Farmers are at the whim of wholesalers and retailers in terms of varietal selection, delivery times, and terms of payment, with zero commitment to purchase a given crop throughout the season. Farmers have no idea who will buy their crop from week to week. Often, popular varieties don't perform well in a given climate, delivery times aren't convenient, and the terms of payment force reliance on high interest financing. Throw in funky weather, some persnickety machinery and a flock or two of crows eating the corn seed out of the ground right behind the seeder, and you've got a situation that can truly become questionable. Why do farmers keep farming under these circumstances? The answer is that they aren't.

In the last, year I personally know of six farmers that went out of business in Pierce and Thurston Counties. Almost all of them attribute their decisions to the aforementioned realities of farming. The effects on the local community are unapparent as long as the networks bringing us food from California are still functioning. Local supermarkets and wholesale distributors have generally opted to buy through this network. Why not? It is easier for them to do. These suppliers offer computerized invoicing, faxed communications, daily deliveries and a totally consistent supply of everything from citrus to rutabagas. The small farms like ours cannot possibly offer these kinds of services.

Let's take a brief look at the California connection. While it is indisputably the premier food producing area of the world, its' infrastructure is crumbling in a number of significant ways. For example: 1) The Salinas Valley is one of the main vegetable producing areas in California. The six year drought has resulted in a significant drawdown of the wells used for irrigation. Saltwater is now intruding into these wells and advancing inland at the rate of over 1 mile per year. Farms are going out of production as the wells become unusable. 2) Federal irrigation water has been cut and over 25,000 farms will not receive water to irrigate in 1992. 3) A white fly with resistance to all available pesticides wiped out over $125,000,000 worth of California vegetable crops in 1991 and is poised for a repeat performance in 1992. 4) Due to the use of high salt chemical fertilizers, over 100,000 acres of cropland goes out of production annually due to high salt content in the soils. The list goes on and on. As the Californian population expands and the demands on an already stressed water and food supply increase, California's problems will only deepen.

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The other aspect of the California food connection that bears scrutiny is the system of transport. As railroads are being abandoned, the highway system is exhibiting more and more signs of advanced decay. The long term fuel supply is at best questionable. What happens when trucks are unable to roll due to fuel shortages, collapsed bridges or perhaps an earthquake or two?

It is estimated that the city of Seattle has a 2-4 day supply of food on the store shelves. If for some reason the trucks can't roll or the crops can't be produced, we will simply be out of luck. The Puget Sound basin is dangerously close to having "all its' eggs in one basket" when it comes to self sufficiency in the area of food production.

This is where local farms come into play. If a strong farming community is in place, the area isn't as susceptible to disruptions in the food supply networks. Local farms would be able to rally their resources to address local needs. If there are few or no local food producing farms left, there will be little chance of rallying food production resources in an emergency situation. The expertise will not be available.

Let's look at the loss of six farms in a different way. My farm of fifty acres has the capability of feeding at least 1400 families of four. The six farms that went out of business in 1991 represent over 600 acres of lost local production. Using simple math we could change the statement "six farms went out of production in 1991" to "over 67,000 people in Thurston and Pierce counties will not be fed with local food in 1992".

The loss of local farms and local self sufficiency is due in no small part to the local communities' lack of involvement, ignorance and careless attitude with regards to where their food comes from. As long as the food shelves are full, no problem. From my standpoint, the art of farming is dying and it will take an incredible amount of activism and awareness on the part of the local community to bring the farm community back.

Our farm's Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA) gives people the opportunity to get involved with a local farm and hopefully experience the joys and problems that a small farm encounters every season. There appears to be little hope of convincing the produce retailers to buy from small local growers in a meaningful way. They aren't likely to opt for dealing with the volatile nature of small scale organic farming operations. The CSA allows our farm to connect directly with people that care about where their food comes from. Our CSA members have progressed beyond the ignorance that a full rack of spotless produce at cheap prices can engender. I thank these people for their farsighted thinking.

Pat Moore is the owner of Helsing Farms, located on the Chehalis River near Rochester. To receive info on the ***Community Supported Agriculture Program,*** *call 273-8557. Weekly deliveries to locations in Olympia, Centralia, Tacoma and Seattle are already under way.*

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Praise For Olympia's Farmers' Market

Another excellent way to support local farms is to patronize Farmers' Markets. In Southwest Washington there are several Farmers' Markets which offer a wide variety of locally produced fruits and vegetables, locally caught seafood, locally made craft items and ready to eat bakery and other food items. Some communities currently operating Farmers' Markets include Chehalis, Shelton, Aberdeen, Tacoma, Puyallup and Olympia, and new Markets are opening all the time.

The Olympia Farmers' Market, in fact, is the second largest Market of its kind in the Northwest, with over 150 active merchants, including Helsing Farms. While Pike Place Public Market is the largest, it does not require that everything sold there be locally produced. As a result you will find that same dreaded California produce there. The Olympia Farmers' Market, on the other hand, does require that everything sold there be locally produced. Only two vendors can sell non-local produce. They sell Eastern Washington produce that is not available from local farms.

By patronizing your local Farmers' Market, you will be helping to support and maintain local farmers and crafts people while keeping your dollars in the local economy. By patronizing your local Farmers' Markets, your dollars go directly to the producer of the product, and not into the hands of a detached retailer or distributor. And, by patronizing your local Farmers' Market, you are assured of the freshest possible produce - from their farm to your table in just hours - instead of produce that has been traveling from warehouse to warehouse and truck to truck for days on end, sometimes sprayed with extra chemicals to survive the journey.

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There Is No Free Enterprise

Marvin Saillard

We have never had a free enterprise system. We have had an economic system in which a lot of people have owned some land. Ownership of land is important to an economy because no one can live without access to land. The more people who own land, the more people who are able to share in the products which labor and capital make from and on the land.

Owners of valuable land can more easily share in the products of land, labor and capital because they are able to charge others for permission to use the land for production. Charging rent-of-land to land-users enables landowners to exchange the rental-value of land for product values. When a landowner can exchange land-value which he did not produce for product value that was produced by the land-user, he has negated the possibility of a free market exchange system, and has prevented the establishment of an economy based on free enterprise.

Free enterprise depends upon the existence of a free market exchange system in which one creator of value exchanges with another creator of value. Anytime someone can exchange a value they did not create for a value created by the other party to the exchange, you have a monopoly system of exchange instead of a free market system.

Due to specialization of labor, and the existence of so many auxiliary functions which contribute indirectly to production, it is nearly impossible for the casual observer to visualize how our exchange system works. Therefore, they do not recognize when and how our exchange system becomes tainted with monopoly ownership of values. They may realize that something is amiss, but they do not know how to correct it. Labor unions know how to react to the symptoms, but have failed to do anything about the basic cause of labor's problems. The basic cause is monopoly ownership of land values by landowners who did not create the value of their land.

Widespread ownership of land has allowed the approximation of a free enterprise system. But land speculation and landprice inflation have created an economic cycle that periodically gets bound up by inflated prices and low wages. The earned wages and the earned interest of labor and capital become unable to use expensive land and the products which have been produced on expensive land. Therefore, the economy slows down until some adjustments can be made in land-values and product values.

Prior to 1929 the adjustments had to be made in the market place. Now the adjustment are made by the government and by bureaucrats and by politicians. Deflation used to be the answer to inflation. Now, instead of allowing deflation to remedy the Savings and Loan disasters, the taxpayers are called upon to plug the dike to prevent full scale deflation.

If we ever hope to realize the dream of our government being of the people, by the people, and for the people," we must demand that our government tax the market rental-value of land to pay for the public services and government expenditures which contribute so much to the value of land-sites in our cities, towns and counties .

The people being protected are the owners of valuable land. Valuable land in Seattle is downtown locations that are valued at the equivalent of over 17 million dollars an acre, and residential mansions located on land worth over half a million dollars an acre. I do not know how to estimate how much public expenditure of taxpayers' money it costs to provide the public services and the infrastructure to make these locations that valuable.

I do know that land becomes valuable because of the presence and activity and taxes of all of the people of the community. If we ever hope to realize the dream of our government being of the people, by the people, and for the people," we must **demand that our** government tax the market rental-value of land to pay for the public services and government expenditures which contribute so much to the value of land-sites in our cities, towns and counties .

By making the taxpayers subsidize the rental-value of land we enrich the owners of valuable land and impoverish the people who have only their labor to provide them with an income which must contend with the high price of land and the high price of products produced on high-priced land. If landowners were required to pay for the use-value created by the expenditure of public money, we would have a source of taxes (public revenue) that would increase in value as population and demand for land grows. We would have sustainable communities. And we would have a free market exchange system in which landowners would have to produce something to exchange for the use-value of their locations.

Land-value taxation with a two rate property tax system would enable us to begin to eliminate all of the taxes on the products of labor and capital. All of these taxes tend to raise prices, discourage production and limit job opportunities. If we were to get rid of all these tax penalties against production, and made landowners pay for the use-value of their land, the rich landowners could no longer get richer at the expense of the poor working man. Then we could justify calling our economic system a free enterprise system.

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A Trip To The Library

Matt Love

In Praise Of Libraries

When I went to the Olympia branch of Timberland Library to research the topic of Satanic ritual Abuse, I found the books they had on the subject to be largely hysterical and inaccurate. Lauren Stratford's "Satan's Underground," for example, is a blatant hoax. It's important that the library in this community should have informative, factual books on the topic of Satanic Ritual Abuse. In the Ingram case, ignorance and hysteria has ruined the lives of three members of this community. People of good will should do what they can to inform themselves, so this sort of thing doesn't happen again.

I wrote to Timberland Library asking them to acquire the excellent, recent book on the subject, "The Satanism Scare", which goes into the complex sociological and psychological reasons people believe in ritual abuse, and "In Pursuit of Satan: The Police and the Occult," in which a police officer discusses his futile efforts to find evidence of ritual abuse.

I'm happy to be able to say that Yvonne Sidler, the Materials Selection Coordinator for the Timberland system, immediately wrote back informing me that she had ordered both titles. It would be worth your time to read these books before Jim Rabie and Ray Risch's lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department and others goes to court in September. The outcome of this case may well surprise the uninformed and the prejudiced.

A Slant of Journalists

I believe that libraries are democracy and civilization in full flower, and I always encourage people to read, and discover the worlds of knowledge that can be found between the covers of books. Casually browsing the shelves one day, I stumbled across a charming little book, "An Exultation of Larks: or the Venereal Game" (427.09 LIPTON) by James Lipton.

The subtitle refers to venery, the invention of imaginative collective nouns that evolved in the Middle Ages when the sophisticated art of hunting demanded an equally sophisticated vocabulary. People with a naturalistic bent might recognize "A plague of locusts, a pride of lions, a parliament of owls, a murder of crows, a pod of seals." Less familiar, but equally venerable: "a crash of rhinoceroses, a leap of leopards, a skulk of foxes."

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Before people had more important things (such as television) to occupy their minds, venery was a rage among the intelligentsia. A couple of centuries ago, it was required that a cultured person know the collective names for hundreds of things. This naming of things soon entered the realm of sociology, and politics; "a riffraff of knaves, a skulk of thieves, a twaddle of public speakers, an impertinence of peddlers, a neverthriving of jugglers."

Venery hasn't died out completely in everyday life; a few months ago, the "Car Talk" guys on NPR were discussing the creation of new collective names for things, such as "A shrug of mechanics", and "a sleeze of lawyers, and a lot of used car salesmen."

Lipton collected hundreds of examples of venery for his book, and invented new ones as well; he proposes "an escheat of lawyers, an odium of politicians, a slant of journalists, a recession of economists, a scoop of reporters, a torque of mechanics and an overcharge of repairmen"; examples range from the satiric to the whimsical. The book ends on a wistful, optimistic note; proposing "a flight of yesterdays, a twinkling of todays, and a promise of tomorrows."

Defense is Hell

Just 3 or 4 books down, at 427.973 LUTZ, you can find William Lutz's "Doublespeak: from 'RTevenue Enhancement' to 'Terminal Living': How Government, Business, Advertisers, and Others use Language to Deceive You." In this book, we learn that "energetic disassembly" refers to an explosion in a nuclear power plant, and that in military doublespeak, a "wood interdental stimulator" is a toothpick and a "portable, hand-held communications inscriber" is a pencil. More grimly, it isn't hard to figure out what a "vertically deployed antipersonal device" is. We learn that the recipe for military fruitcake covers 18 pages of small type.

William Lutz also edits the Quarterly Review of Doublespeak, a really first rate little publication, which you can receive for only $8.00 a year, from the National Council of Teachers of English 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801. Lutz is a very smart man; he enjoyed my piece on leftist doublespeak in WiP a few months back; he especially liked my translation of terms.

The Grant

Last year, as part of the Arts for Life Festival, the City of Olympia put on a ballet choreographed for various city vehicles, from behemoth garbage trucks to pesky meter reader buggies. With typical small town civic pride, the event was touted as an unprecedented event; "the first *ever* ballet featuring City dump trucks, garbage trucks, street sweepers, and more" (their emphasis). Never one to miss an opportunity to rain on somebody's parade, I'd like to point out that in the February 1985 issue of Art in America, there was a review of a show by artist Mierle Laderman Ukeles which discussed her work as something of an artist in residence with the Sanitation Department of New York City. One of the projects she had realized since her work with the city began in 1976 was a ballet involving garbage sweepers on the streets of Manhattan.

In the Olympia version, the machines clanked, rumbled and pirouetted in a cunning fashion. The whole thing was largely played as screwball comedy, complete with a (male) city employee, Emmitt Dobey, in a tutu, and the whole ballet choreographed to the schmaltzy strains of a Strauss waltz. It would have been bracing if the performance had been choreographed to, say, Throbbing be Gristle or Cabaret Voltaire. I suppose they thought we weren't ready for that out here in the provinces. I realize that I'm showing my age by using those two long defunct bands as examples. I often find myself sadly shaking my head and saying: "The stuff these kids listen to today; it's... it's nothing but *music!* In my day, we had *real* noise!"

I'm going to apply to the NEA for a grant. I want to take a year off work to do a performance art piece in a public place; I'm going to call it "1,000,000 Bottles of Beer on the Wall". In the spirit of the Reagan/Bush vision of public/private partnership, I'm also going to look for corporate sponsorship from the usual sources.

Women Reclaim Their Power At Weekly Support Group

Women survivors of childhood sexual abuse are invited to attend "Healing the Heart," a weekly support group in Olympia sponsored by the Center for Women. Meetings are designed to empower women through the healing process in a safe and nurturing environment, and at their own pace.

Participants learn to reclaim their power, which includes the right to say no to anything that makes them uncomfortable. All participation in the group is optional, and group size is limited to allow each woman the time she needs.

A sliding scale is offered to make the group available to more women. For more information, or to register, please call the Center for Women at (206) 786-5258. The Center for Women was created to provide women with support, education, and tools for growth and healing.

"What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise."

--Barbara Jordan

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Ross Perot Is No Alternative

Jerome Johnson

I just don't get it. What's the appeal of Ross Perot?

I was talking with a co-worker of mine last week, who sported a PEROT FOR PRESIDENT button. When I asked him why he supports Perot, he described the general mess our country is in and said that the establishment wasn't doing anything about it. Fair enough...but he couldn't explain why he thought Perot would be different. "He's the only one who can change things" was about as specific he could be. He hadn't yet heard that Ross is an admitted homophobe, or any of the policies he's hinted at. Fortunately, by the end of our conversation he agreed that he wasn't voting *for* Perot as *against* Bush and Clinton, and would observe Ross more closely.

At best Perot is a political-aberration, and at worst a very dangerous man. He's dangerous because he's been able to con many people into believing that he's an outsider who will effect changes and "rebuild America." People admit that they support him due to personality rather than substance, which is also terrifying--even Reagan had a little substance in his campaigns. In recent appearances Perot has asked crowds if they will "stand shoulder to shoulder" with him and do "whatever it takes" to rebuild America. Even more chilling than these assertions is the fact that people cheered them--as they did when he told an Orlando, Florida rally that he wanted us to work so that we could pay taxes! Not to help ourselves survive, or help our loved ones with medical care, or attend school to better ourselves. No, Ross wants us to work so we can pay taxes (his salary) if he were president. The same people who felt betrayed by King George for breaking his "no new taxes" pledge cheered wildly.

Anyone who will do "whatever it takes" to rebuild America--especially without giving further specifics--scares the hell out of me. What does that mean--suspending the Constitution, declaring martial law, or what? Does "standing shoulder to shoulder" mean accepting a dictator, one who will just take the money and run (as he did at General Motors) if his policies are opposed? We know he's a homophobe--is he also racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, hostile to the disabled?

Perot tries to pass himself off as an "independent outsider," but this just isn't true. How could he be when he gave Oliver North at least $50,000 and advice? When he gave $8,000 to the '88 Bush-Quayle campaign? When he spent more than $300,000 to support Richard Nixon, a friend of his? In his successful efforts to win lucrative government contracts Perot has hobnobbed, arm-twisted and back-slapped with "these guys in their alligator shoes" for decades. As far as I'm concerned, Perot is just another rich WASP Republican male who wants to be president.

People say they're tired of politics as usual, and they want to throw the bums out. I don't believe them. If they did, they would have elected either Jesse Jackson or at least Walter Mondale in 1984, and certainly Jackson in 1988. Jackson was man enough to endure the entire process from primaries to Election Day *twice*. Perot isn't. Jackson had a detailed plan for the country--maybe you disagreed with it, but at least you knew what it was. Not so with Perot. Perot talks up about patriotism and POW/MIAs whipping up hysteria with little evidence and less action. Jackson has personally rescued American military personnel, without confrontation, violence or rhetoric. Perot spent the last 25 years helping himself and will help America (as President) if sufficiently begged, but Jackson has spent his life helping everyone he could. Perot would automatically exclude lesbians and gays from his administration and the armed forces, but Jackson continues to work for *everyone's* civil rights and would automatically exclude no one. Maybe that's because Jackson--unlike Perot--knows first hand what it's like to suffer discrimination, to the point where one's very life and/or livelihood are at stake.

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So, who to vote for? At this point, Slick Willie is the lesser of the electable evils. I'm not happy about it--especially given the royal screwing Jerry Brown's gotten this year--but so far, there's just no viable alternative.

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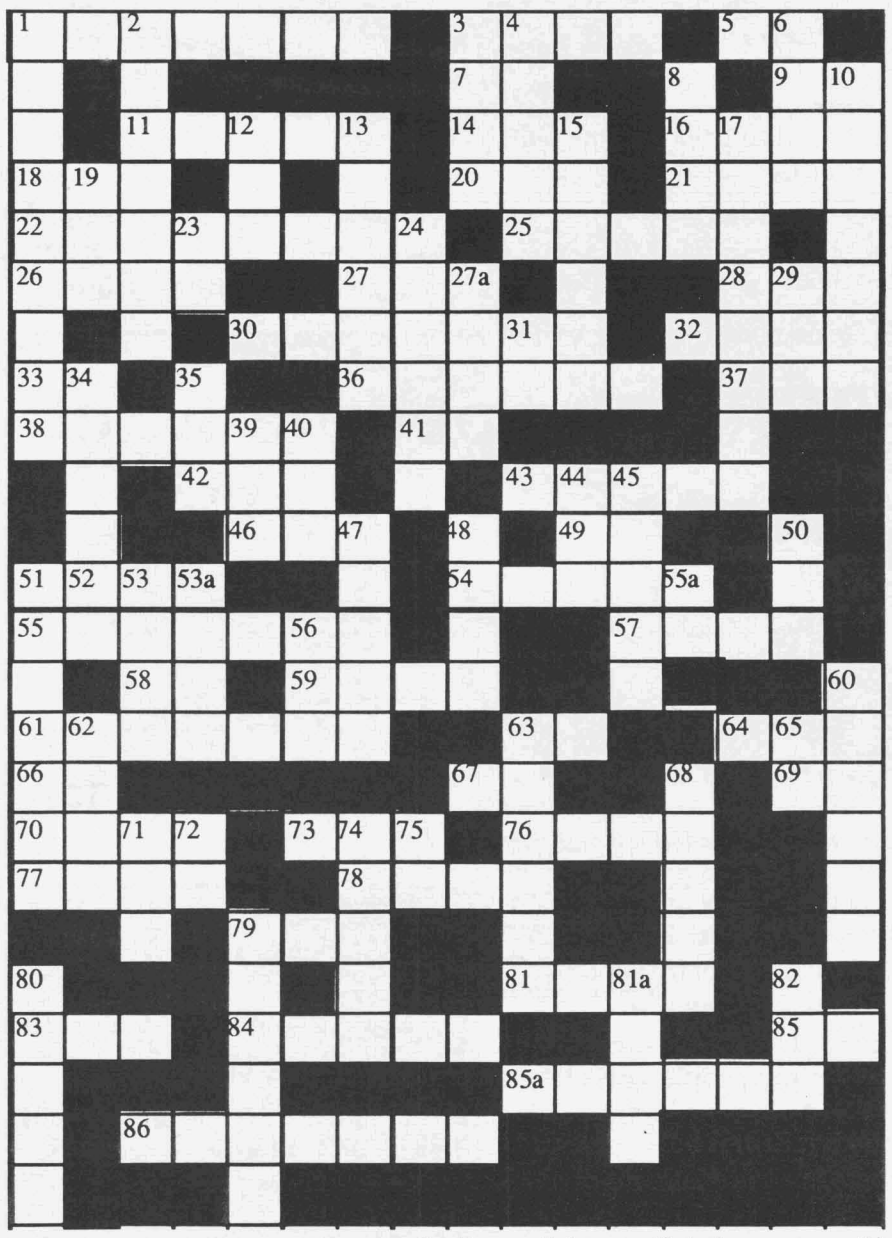
The Funky WiP Crossword



by Jerome Johnson (Solution next month)

Across

1. The 32nd First Lady
3. E, in the Army
5. TV's Mr. Bundy
7. Locker room (abbrev.)
9. New Age chant
11. Texas upstart
14. Surface-to-air missile (abbrev.)
16. "Up, up and ____"
18. Zodiac sign
20. Latina name
21. Actress Lollobridgida
22. Actor Clint
25. Hyundai model
26. Luke Campbell & the 2 Live ____
27. Benatar's "_____ Ooh Song"
28. CBS Newsman Tucker
30. Popular snack
32. South American city
33. "____ Officer and a Gentleman"
36. Rapper Souljah
37. Olympia's is good
38. He was Schwartzokopf's deputy
41. Lieutenant, (abbrev.)
42. Olympia, for short
43. Texan air base
46. Jean-____ Picard of the "Star Trek"
49. Not off
51. Everyone needs this
54. Streisand film
55. "____ World"
57. Ireland
58. "From Here ____ Eternity"
59. Not fat
61. Scene of Operation Urgent Fury, 1983
63. Italian river
64. Black gold
66. Los Angeles (abbrev.)
67. Vietnam's ____ Chi Minh
69. You, in Germany
70. Magnum opus
73. Defense Intelligence Agency (abbrev.)
76. Texan town
77. Cry of pain
78. Alaskan town
79. Not happy
81. Performer Horne
83. ____ de Janiero
84. Civil Rights Group (abbrev.)
85. Wisconsin (abbrev.)
85a. Quayle's favorite vegetable
86. Tools of 63 Down's trade

Down

1. Code name for 1979 military operation (2 words)
2. "Inside Edition" motifs
3. CNN stylist Klensch
4. Construction implement
6. To lend
8. Film: "Silent ____"
10. Southeast Asian nation
12. Argument
13. They work for 63 Down
15. TESC Professor Emeritus Mimms
17. Incoming LAPD chief
19. Listening device
23. Thomas Wood Jr. (init.)
24. Passive
27a. Alex Trebek, for one
29. Record label
31. Route (abbrev.)
34. Progressive journal, "The ____"
35. Florence, for short
39. Pe ____, WA
40. Japanese karate school
44. Hither, thither and ____
45. "____ the Dragon"
47. Jazzman Chick
48. Actor O'Neil
50. ____ v. Wade
51. CIA headquarters is here (VA)
52. Political activity
53a. British school
55a. Chinese Ambassador Peng
56. Local inlet
60. Automotive device
62. Felony crime
63. Chairman of US Joint Chiefs of Staff
65. Self
68. The Land of Morning Calm
71. Not well
72. Command Post (abbrev.)
74. Asian nation
75. Area of operations (abbrev.)
79. Scene of Operation Kingpin, Vietnam 1970 (2 words)
80. 19th Century activist Sojourner
81a. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (abbrev.)
82. ____ Jima

Reaching Out For Love And Justice

Joli Sandoz

The last thing Margaret Schmidt's 14-year-old said was, "Mom, don't get your picture in the paper." The next day, Schmidt looked out from the front page of the Eugene *Register-Guard*.

"I told her if it happened, it happened," Schmidt said. "Now she's telling her friends what 'lesbian' means."

Schmidt, a registered nurse, walked and served as one of the health care support team of For Love and Justice: A Walk Against Hate. An estimated 250 lesbians, gays and their friends and supporters took part in the two week, 150 mile trek from Eugene to Portland June 6 - 20. Portland's Lesbian Community Project sponsored the walk to publicize attacks by the right-wing Oregon Citizens Alliance on lesbian and gay civil rights in the state.

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Meeting "face to face" is the best way to banish fears which lead to hatred, according to Estacada United Methodist Church member Margie Sims. The tiny rural congregation - "30 or 35 on a Sunday" - hosted Love and Justice walkers for two nights.

"The lesbian [and gay] community doesn't make a presence in Estacada because it isn't safe to do that here," Sims said. "So most of us don't have any experience of the community.

"It's not always easy for regular folks - we're talking about Jane Doe here - to reach out. But meaning well is not enough now. If there's an OCA, then there's a group to counter the OCA. Find it, and extend a hand."

(Walk, continued from page 1)

for Human Dignity, writing in the Center for Democratic Renewal's *Monitor*, OCA efforts during the past five years have resulted in rescinding an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual preference in public employment, an unsuccessful anti-abortion ballot measure, and opposition to pre-kindergarten programs, parental leave and divestment from South Africa.

For Love and Justice organizer Anne Galisky, a Portland carpenter, said that she conceived the walk as a response to OCA activities and a means to social change. "We could drive from Eugene to Portland. It would be a lot easier for us. But this way, we make ourselves vulnerable and that encourages people to reach out. "

According to Galisky, twenty walkers signed on for the entire 150 mile distance, and participation averaged fifty walkers at a time as another two hundred and fifty individuals cycled in and out. More than seventy churches, synagogues, unions, businesses and other groups provided support enroute, including meals, overnight facilities and space for evening meetings and cultural events.

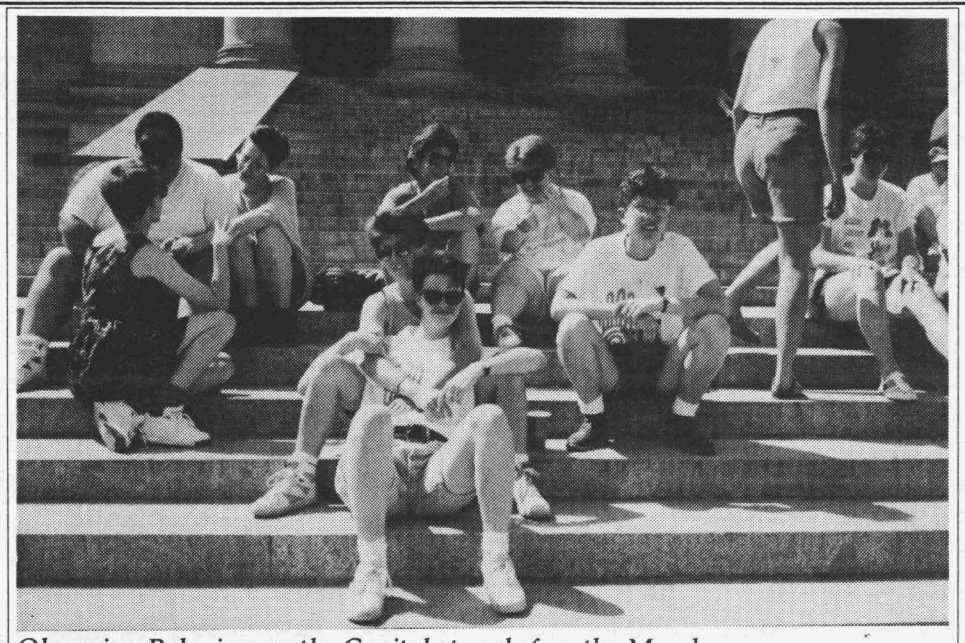
Red Wing said she was surprised by the broad base of support the walk received. "But the same person who would take away our [lesbian and gay] rights, who would hurt us, would also hurt people of color, women, kids and poor people," she pointed out. "People who supported the walk connected with the courage it takes to be a despised group. I think we will continue to be surprised in the months to come by just how much influence this walk has had."

Taking the long view was the advice of Elizabeth Werderich, who rode the walk's support bus during the final day. The long-time Chicago activist, now 88, recalled that national health was the first issue she worked for. "Everything that happens that's good in this world has to be publicized until enough people's minds are open enough to accept it," she pointed out. "You have to wait until it bites everybody."

Guidelines to walk participants encouraged openness and respect by banning verbal and physical violence, weapons, drugs and lawbreaking. According to walker Zoe Iman of Portland, specially-trained volunteers designated as "peacekeepers" worked to keep the group moving in a safe, non-violent way. "Every day there was some verbal harassment from passersby, and that was frightening," she acknowledged. "But for every negative reaction to us there were 15 or 20 positive reactions."

A chance to practice what she preaches attracted Eugene Metropolitan Community Church pastor Rev. Marguerite Scroggie to the walk ."It's easy to stand up in the pulpit," Scroggie said, "but if I'm going to ask people to walk their talk, then I need to do it, too. To be right out in the state's face and say I'm gay, I'm Christian, and I put my life on the line to stand up for my people - gay, lesbian, bisexual, and people of color."

Joli walked 17 miles to show her support for gay and lesbian civil rights.



Olympia - Relaxing on the Capital steps before the March.

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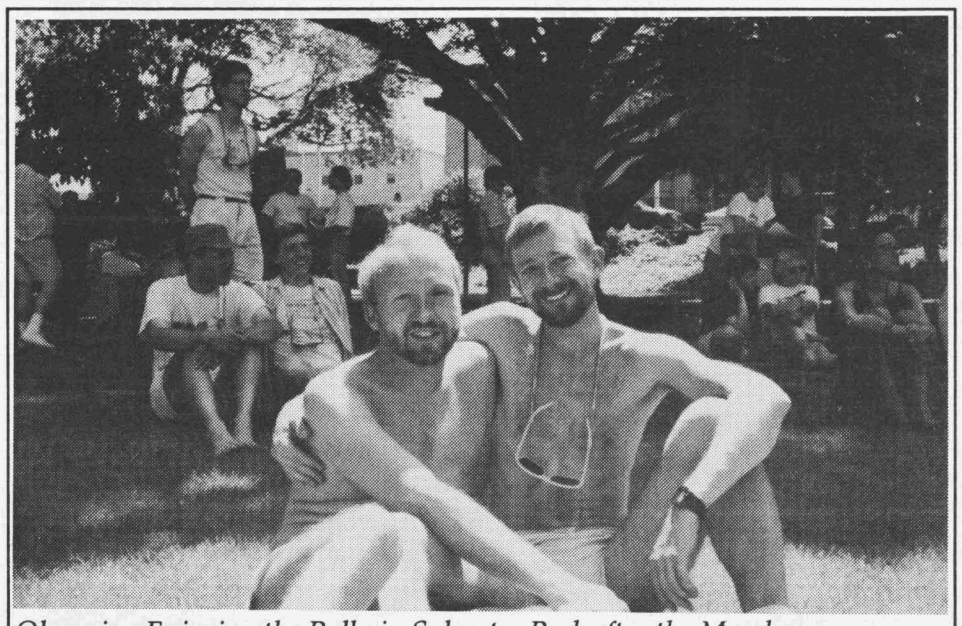

Olympia - Enjoying the Rally in Sylvester Park after the March.

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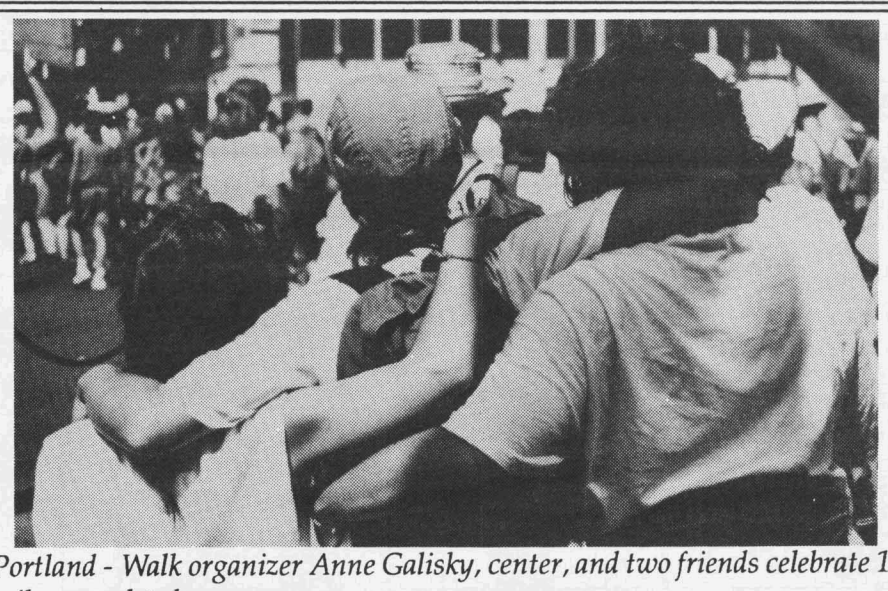

Portland - Walk organizer Anne Galisky, center, and two friends celebrate 150 miles completed.

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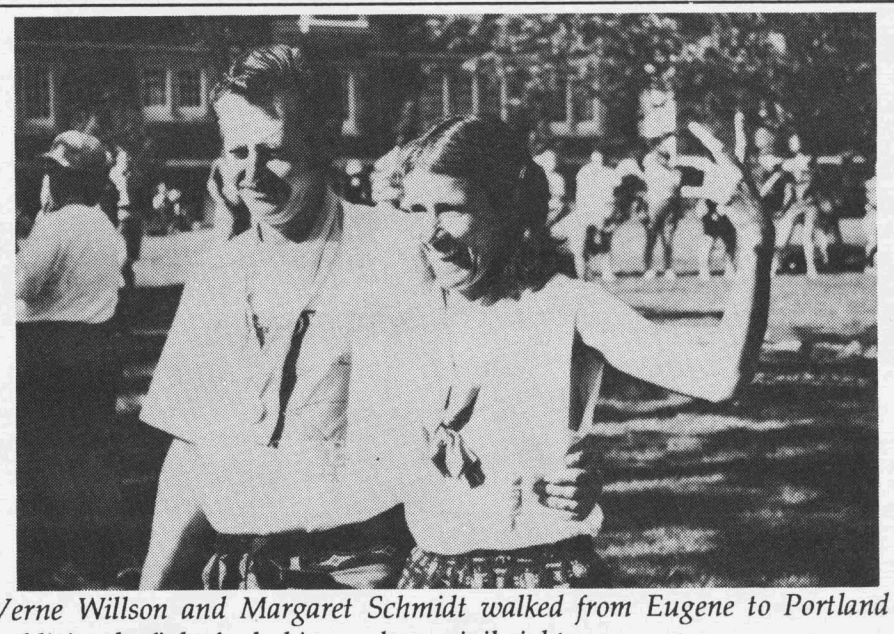

Verne Willson and Margaret Schmidt walked from Eugene to Portland to publicize the fight for lesbian and gay civil rights,.

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